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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

DATE: March 22, 2023

Child Bitten by Unknown Dog in Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland, on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023. Seeking Owner of Dog.

A child was bitten by an unknown dog in Middletown on Tuesday, March 21st around 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The bite occurred while the child was on a walking trail between the library and Middletown Parkway when the child and the dog bumped into each other. The biting dog is described as a large black and tan Rottweiler-type dog. The person with the biting dog is described as a White man with brown hair.

Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal please contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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